Institutes have been set up in each major areas of disability :—

(i) National Institute ibi the Visually Handicapped, Dehradun.

(ii) National Institute for the Orthopaedically Handicapped, Calcutta.

(iii) Ali Yavar Jung National Institute for the Hearing Handicapped. Bombay; and

(iv) National Institute for the Mentally Handicapped, Secunderabad.

These Institutes are apex level organisations in the field of education, training, vocational guidance, counselling research, rehabilitation and development of suitable services modules for the handicapped. The Institutes also serve as premier documentation and information centres in their respective areas of disability. Development and standardisation of aids and appliances and preparation of community awareness materials, both for the electronic and the print media, with the target audience, the parents, the community and professionals working in the field etc. is also their responsibility.

In addition to four National Institutes, the following two organisation have been working in the field to provide training facilities and services for rehabilitation of persons with locomotor disabilities :—

(a) Institute for the Physically Handicapped (IPH), New Delhi :

(b) National institute of Rehabilitation Training and Research (N1RTAR Cuttack.

7. Employment:

3 per cent of civil posts in Group C and D under the Central Government and in public sector undertakings are reserved for the physically handicapped 1% each for visually speech and hearing and orthopaedically handicapped.

To assist the employable handicapped, 23 Special Employment Exchanges and 55 Special Cells in the Normal Employment Exchanges and J 7 Vocational Rehabilitation Centres (VECs) (under the Ministry of Labour) are functioning across the country.

Deaths due to Consumption of Narcotics

1679. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state .

(a) the number of incidents of death due to comsumption of narcotics in Gujarat during the last three years till date:

(hi what are the comparative figures of other States of the country:

(c) the number of de-addiction centres presently working in Gujarat; and

(d) the extent of financial assistance provided to the State Governments so far by the Central Government '?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI) : (a) and (b) The stats istics regarding, the number of incident- of death due to consumption of narcotics are not main; ry.

(c) At present live Counselling and five De-addiction Centres are functioning in the State of Gujarat.

(d) financial assistance for drug abuse-prevention is provided by the Union Govc-erirner.t to the non-go' sations and not to the State Goverments. The amount *of* financial assistance provided to the NGOs in the State of Gujarat for this purpose during last thiee years is as follows :—

1991-92	. . Rs.	24,58,021
1992-93	. . Rs.	31,04,689
1993-94	. . Rs.	44,17,728
1994-95	. . Rs.	19,84,290 (upto Nov. 1994)

Identification of Castes/Classes in the List r»f OBCs

1680. SHRI CHATURANAN Will the Minister of WEI ! ed to state :

(a) what arc the. detail ! in the Hsts of "Other Backward Classes" as identified by different States an'i UTs in the country ah on dale; and

(in what are the details of differeni fits acadmic, job-reservation etc. available lo candidates/members of these classes ?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE SHRT SITARAM KESRI) : (a) The Government had notified list:- of CJBCs for 14 States namely Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Goa, Gujarat, Haryana, Hit adesh, aharashtra, Punjab, Karnataka, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Tamil Nadu and Uttar Pradesh, on 10th September 1993 vide Ministry of Welfare Resolution No. 1201 l/6S/93-BCC(C) published in the Gazette of I'idia Extraordinary part I-Section I No. 186, New Delhi. M<- September, 13th 1993. Subsequently, the lists of OSCs for 4 States and 3 UTs namely, Orissa, Rajasthan, Tripura, West Bengal, Dadi a and Nfigar Havel:, Daman, and Diu, Pondicherry were notified on 19th October. 1994 vide No. 163, The Gazette of India-Extraordinary Part-I. Details of Castes/Communities included in these lists are available in the said Gazettes.

(b) (i) The OBCs are entitled for 2 servation in vacancies in civil services and posts under the Government of India ject to the exlusion of socially advanced persons/sections known as the 'Creamy Layer".

(ii) Scheme of pre-examination coaching foi Weaker Sections incuding OBCs is also implemented in order to allow them to cempete on equal terms with other candidates in competitive examinations.

(Hi) National Backward Classes Finance and Development Corporation has been set UP with the objective of promoting economic development of Backward Classes by granting them firancia! assistance For self-employment ventures.

Newspaper report on auctioning of women

1681. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI :
SHRI TRILOKI NATH CHATURVEDI :

Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item published in the Punjabi Kesari and Jagaran of September 20, 1994 to the effect thai women are siil(being auctioned and suffer humiliation in the tribal areas of Thane; if so, what are the details thereof;

(b) whether Government are aware that the same kind of practices are still prevalent to other parts of the country; if so, what a.e the details thereof; and

(c) what Steps have so far been taken and also proposed to be taken to eradicaie the evil practices of humiliating women folk ?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI) : (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Ho

कल्याण योजनाओं के लिए आवंटित धनराशी का अन्य कार्यों के लिए उपयोग किया जाना

1682. **श्री आस मोहम्मद** : क्या कल्याण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार की देश में विभिन्न कल्याण योजनाओं के लिए आवंटित धनराशी का कथित दुरूपयोग किए जाने या इसका उपयोग अन्य कार्यों के लिए किए जाने के संबंध में कोई सूचना प्राप्त हुई हैं ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो संबंधित राज्यों सहित तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या हैं :

(ग) क्या सरकार ने इस संबंध में कोई दिशानिर्देश जारी किए हैं ;

(घ) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या हैं ।
और

(ङ) क्या उक्त धनराशी के समुचित उपयोग को सुनिश्चित किया गया हैं ?

कल्याण मंत्री (श्री सीताराम केसरी) : (क) से (ङ) इस मंत्रालय के विभिन्न कार्यक्रमों, विशेषकर अनुसूचित जातियों और अनुसूचित जनजातियों से सम्बंद्ध कार्यक्रमों की गहन मानीटरिंग और विचार विमर्श के बाद, यह नोटिस में आया हैं कि कुछ राज्यों को दिए गए केन्द्रीय अनुदान तत्काल व उचित रूप